GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HEART DISORDERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that there are about 50 to 60 million persons suffering from various heart disorders in the country of which 15 million patients are of coronary artery disease alone;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts are taken/being made by the Government for the eradication of above heart disorders?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): According to ICMR, Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) are major contributor to mortality and morbidity in Indialt is estimated that about 55 million persons suffering from various heart disorders in the country of which 18.6 million patients are of coronary heart diseases. Coronary heart disease affects people in the middle age group; however recent reports suggest that even young adults between 30-40 years are affected with increasing frequency. Congenital Heart Diseases affects children mainly in the age group of 0-15 years and Rheumatic heart disease affects children mainly in the age group of 5-15 years. Since the cause of this disease is attributed among others to individual life style and food habits, the doctors are creating awareness among the people for adopting proper life style and food habits to control this disease.